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**APPLICATION NUMBER: NDA 20-980**

**PHARMACOLOGY REVIEW(S)**

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**REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF PHARMACOLOGY AND TOXICOLOGY DATA**  
**Division of Dermatologic and Dental Drug Products, HFD-540**

**NDA 20-980** (Original submission 03-30-1998)

**Drug:** Terbinafine HCl Cream 1%

**Sponsor:** Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation  
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**Number of Volumes:** Five (5)

**Date CDER Received:** 03-30-1998

**Date Assigned:** 04-06-1998

**Date of Review:** 06-03-1998

**Dosage and Route of Administration:** Topical cream

**Category:** Antifungal

**Indication:** Treatment of athlete's foot (interdigital tinea pedis), jock itch (tinea cruris), and ringworm (tinea corporis).

**Review Objective:** Rx-to-OTC switch

**Related submissions:**

**INDs**

**NDAs**

20-192; Lamisil Cream 1% (approved, 12-30-1992)  
20-539; Lamisil Tablets (approved, 05-10-1996)  
20-749; Lamisil Solution 1% (approved, 10-17-1997)  
20-846; Lamisil DermGel 1% (approved, 04-29-1998)

**Background:** Over the years, a number of applications have been submitted to support the different antifungal formulations of the active ingredient, terbinafine hydrochloride. To support these applications, the sponsor has extensively evaluated the safety of this compound in a wide spectrum of animal and *in vitro* studies. These studies were conducted with the tablet, cream, solution and gel formulations. The animal safety profile for terbinafine hydrochloride has been well established, therefore, there are no non-clinical safety issues involved in Rx-to-OTC switch of this drug. The 1% cream formulation is in the U.S. market since 1992, and is also sold as prescription drug in 82 other countries. No adverse effects of any clinical significance have been reported. The OTC formulation will be identical to the approved cream currently marketed under prescription. However, the label for OTC preparation will be different from the Rx label in terms of number of indications and the reduced duration of treatment. Of the currently approved four indications (athlete's foot; jock itch; ringworm; plantar tinea pedis), only plantar tinea pedis will be maintained under the prescription status. The reduced

duration of treatment to one week from 2-3 weeks will further enhance the clinical safety of the drug product. The OTC label shall be drafted by the OTC reviewer.

**Regulatory Recommendation:** I have no objection to Rx-to-OTC switch for terbinafine Hydrochloride Cream 1%.

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HFD-540  
HFD-560  
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Chem/Vidra  
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